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## Mother Charged with Stabbing Son in Cudahy

A 23-year-old woman accused of stabbing her toddler son during a domestic dispute has been charged today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Michelle Betancourt (dob 2/15/92) of Cudahy has been charged with two felony counts of assault with a deadly weapon – a knife in case VA139184.

The felony complaint includes a special allegation that the defendant personally inflicted great bodily injury during the commission of the crime.

The defendant is scheduled to be arraigned today in Department 69 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Metropolitan Branch. Prosecutors will ask bail be set at \$90,000.

Prosecutors said on the evening of May 18, the 3-year-old was severely injured during a stabbing incident involving the child's father.

Following the incident, authorities were called and Betancourt was arrested in connection with the attack.

If convicted as charged, Betancourt faces a possible maximum sentence of 11 years in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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### About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.